

**ELECTRIC UTILITIES TASK GROUP
FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 2010
TOWN HALL, OLD TOWN ROAD
12:30 PM**

Present: Michael Ballard, Everett Shorey and Barbara MacMullan. Also present in the audience were: Bryan Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Town Manager Nancy Dodge, First Warden Kim Gaffett and Councilor Dr. Peter Baute
Absent: Bill Penn

Meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m.

Approval of minutes of July 16, 2010

Minutes were approved as written in a motion by Michael Ballard and seconded by Everett Shorey.

Ayes 3 (Ballard, Shorey and MacMullan)

Nays 0

Absent 1 (Penn)

Public Input

Bryan Wilson introduced Emily Halperin, a Brown University student who is planning on doing her senior thesis on the Block Island Wind Farm.

Deepwater Update

Bryan Wilson updated the group and mentioned that Deepwater will move slowly until legal issues are resolved. Mr. Wilson will give the group a copy of the draft application for their loan guarantee. There was a discussion about LIDAR system that will be floated out on a barge.

BIPCO Update...

No one was present representing BIPCO. Both Kim Gaffett and Nancy Dodge suggested a face to face meeting with Cliff McGinnes Sr., or his representative, to discuss the following items:

1. Distribution upgrade Docket #3900
2. Engine replacement
3. Fuel tanks

First Warden Gaffett will contact Mr. McGinnes.

Update on Grants

Two grants were mentioned

The ARRA grant which the Town has not heard about yet and the upcoming USDA grant. Deadline for the USDA is Sept. 8, 2010 and the Town is encouraging BIPCO to file for this grant. There was a discussion about filing for grants in the future. Nancy Dodge mentioned that Richard LaCapra is willing to help.

Island Energy Plan Update

Barbara MacMullan reported that the focus of the Sept. 8 meeting will be on renewables.

Next Meeting:

Friday, September 17, 2010 at 12:30 p.m.

With no further business to address a motion was made by Mr. Shorey and seconded by Mr. Ballard to adjourn and voted unanimously.

Minutes submitted: 9/17/2010

Bonny Ryan